

# The 3 W's of Weatherization

## What...

### ...is weatherization?

Simply put, weatherization makes sure that your home holds heat or air conditioning in, while keeping cold or hot air out. This can be as simple as repairing a broken window or as complex as replacing your furnace.

## Why...

### ...should I weatherize my home?

Not only will weatherization make your home more comfortable, it will save you money! By weatherizing your home, you are keeping your house at a constant temperature. Without it, your house could lose heat or air conditioning, making your units work harder to keep the house at a consistent temperature, increasing your utility costs.

## Who...

### ...can I call for weatherization assistance?

Through its Division of Housing and Community Resources, DCA offers the Weatherization Assistance program and the Home Energy Assistance program.

#### **Weatherization Assistance**

(609) 292-6140

#### **Home Energy Assistance program**

1-800-510-3102



DCA's **Division of Housing and Community Resources** is committed to building neighborhoods. Working with nonprofit organizations, municipalities, private developers and the **NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency** (HMFA), the Division is responsible for grant and loan programs that promote economic and community development through housing and other support services.



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# All the comforts of home...

## Weatherization & Home Energy Assistance Programs



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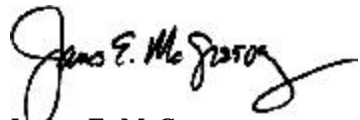
## Greetings from Governor McGreevey & Commissioner Levin

**N**o matter the season or what the weather is like outside, the temperature of your home should suit your needs. That is why through DCA, we provide the Weatherization and the Home Energy Assistance programs to assist those who need help managing their utilities' effectiveness and paying their bills on time.

**T**he comforts of home affect every aspect of our lives and the lives of our children. Without the proper weatherization, that home environment could be compromised. We are dedicated to making sure no New Jersey resident has to worry about this.

**T**his brochure offers information on why you should weatherize your home, how to go about doing it and who to call. I hope you utilize the resources available through both the state and federal governments.

**W**ith this assistance, we can all enjoy the true comforts of home.



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## How Will I Know If My Home Needs Weatherization?

### What to look for...

- + Compare your utility bills to last year's
- + Look for "leaks" near windows, doors, baseboards, walls and ceiling joints
- + Check insulated areas - make sure there is enough insulation throughout the entire area
- + Make sure doors and windows close correctly

### Tools you can use and that are provided by the Weatherization Program...

- + Insulation
- + Caulking
- + Weather stripping
- + Repair or replace windows, furnace / boiler, heat exchanger or distribution systems

## What Help Is Available?

### Weatherization Assistance Program

This program works with community-based agencies to assist elderly, handicapped and people with low-incomes in weatherizing your homes to improve your heating system efficiency, conserve energy and decrease utility bills. The program also provides funds to pay heating bills under emergency circumstances.

For more information, or to find out if you're eligible, call (609) 292-6140.

### Home Energy Assistance (HEA) Program

Home Energy Assistance helps pay home energy bills for households with limited income. This program provides heating, cooling and emergency energy assistance to eligible applicants.

For more information, or to find out if you're eligible, call 1-800-510-3102.

For more information about  
weatherization programs in  
your county, call:

Atlantic  
609-348-4469

Morris  
973-366-1131

Bergen  
201-968-0200

Ocean  
732-244-5333

Burlington  
609-835-4329

Passaic  
City of Passaic  
973-472-2478

Camden  
856-910-1180

Passaic  
City of Paterson  
973-279-2333

Cape May  
609-522-0231

Cumberland  
1-800-526-6454

Passaic  
(Excluding cities of  
Passaic & Paterson)  
973-305-5730

Essex  
973-485-0701

Salem  
1-800-526-6454

Gloucester  
1-800-526-6454

Somerset & Sussex  
908-454-7000

Hudson  
City of Bayonne  
201-437-7222

Union  
City of Elizabeth  
908-351-7200

Hudson  
(Excluding Bayonne)  
201-864-3774

Union  
(excluding Elizabeth)  
908-351-7727

Hunterdon  
908-454-7000

Warren  
908-454-7000

Mercer  
609-989-6959

Middlesex  
732-828-4541

Powhatan Renape  
Nation  
609-261-4747

Monmouth  
732-774-3100

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